GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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IMPORT OF EDIBLE OIL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to develop a `quantitative forecasting model` to determine the quantity of edible oil to be imported on a periodic basis to avoid a glut situation;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which it is likely to become operational;

(c) whether the statistics collected by State Governments will find a place in this model;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) No Sir.

(b), (c) & (d) : Does not arise.

(e) Ministry of Agriculture makes projection of estimated oilseeds production in the country on year to year basis. In view of the continuing gap between demand and supply of edible oils, import of edible oils has been placed on OGL. Government reviews the price and quantity of imports of edible oils from time to time and adjusts the import tariff in order to prevent over-import and depression of prices for the domestic farmers and industry.